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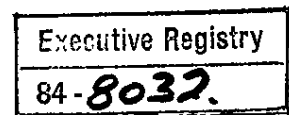
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NOTE FOR: Executive Director

FROM: [redacted]
Deputy Director of Scientific and Weapons Research

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SUBJECT: Science and Technology Advisory Panel (STAP)

Background

As you probably know STAP has been around for several years, having been initiated by Julian Nall. They were administered by the DCI's Science and Technology Intelligence Committee for several years so as to constitute an advisory group to the Community on S&T issues. Just prior to my tenure as Chairman of STIC it was decided that they would be administered by the IC Staff. This was to encourage greater access to Community S&T collection programs and to broaden STAP exposure to more military subjects. I have attached a list of current STAP members.

[redacted] is serving as Acting Chairman until a suitable permanent Chairman can be identified. [redacted] has recently been replaced by [redacted]

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Topics of DDI Interest

- STAP has been asked to review the OSWR research program, but has not yet undertaken this review. We are still very much interested in such a review and now is a good time to do it. We are looking for ways to balance our program to better use existing resources. In this respect we are not looking simply for new efforts. Equally important is what can be safely scaled back or discontinued.

- A small group from STAP has been asked to help refine the Communities attack on CW/BW. Not much has happened but this continues to be a hot topic. External advice is particularly important in CW/BW to add credibility to the US Governments' case which has been challenged within the scientific community.

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- OSWR and the DDI need help in bringing modern technology, i.e., computer terminals, artificial intelligence, etc. to the aid of individual analysts. There is a terrible imbalance between our ability to collect and to process and assess data.

- Intelligence questions/issues which could use STAP advice include:

- ° Soviet responses to the Presidents' Strategic Defense Initiative
- ° Soviet reactions to "Stealth"
- ° Soviet advances in directed energy
- ° Possible Soviet military technology breakthrough as indicated in NIE 11-12
- ° Soviet acoustic and non-acoustic ASW
- ° Soviet advances in biotechnology
- ° Future Soviet space activities particularly space stations, laser ASAT space based air vehicle detection and C³I
- ° Soviet progress in applied sciences

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